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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 777  
By Turner (Ham)

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Ruth Brinkley for her professional dedication and astute leadership.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause in their deliberations to pay tribute to those individuals who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as leaders in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Brinkley, a native of Georgia, is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest commitment, ability, and integrity in all her professional endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brinkley has dedicated her time and energies for the last twenty-seven years to the medical profession, conscientiously caring for patients as a registered nurse, and serving in senior management positions in several large Catholic hospitals as well as other sizeable tertiary hospitals; and

WHEREAS, as a registered nurse, Ms. Brinkley has earned the respect and admiration of her patients and her peers for her compassion and ability as a caregiver; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Brinkley has also served with acumen and alacrity as Senior Vice President of Catholic Health Initiatives in Denver, Interim CEO of Memorial Hospital, Associate

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Executive Director of the University of Alabama Hospital, and as a Healthcare Management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brinkley's remarkable success as an administrator and medical professional is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, she has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her profession and community; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Brinkley has performed her work with unparalleled devotion, ability, and enthusiasm, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor Ruth Brinkley, commend her on twenty-seven years of professional excellence as a registered nurse and hospital administrator, applaud her significant contributions to the medical profession, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Ms. Brinkley a warm welcome to Chattanooga Memorial Hospital and express our gratitude for the noble choice of her profession and the selfless service she daily performs for the betterment of society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.